Mr. Davidson is an alumnus of San Jose State University. Born and raised in Oklahoma cattle country, Davidson served 3 years in the Air Force before working as an engineer for the state highway department.

In 1954, Davidson met and married Anita Wien, also a graduate of San Jose State University and they settled in Willow Glen.

Davidson opened a consulting engineering company in 1960 and then in 1961 began his business in homebuilding. He founded five companies and by the 1980s he had become the biggest independent builder of subsidized housing in Northern California.

While his businesses are a vital part of the area economy, Davidson is also a role model in giving back to the community. In 1992 he created a foundation that supports the arts, higher education and human services organizations.

Mr. Davidson's foundation was a major contributor to San Jose State University's new athletic training facility. He chaired the fundraising efforts which resulted in a \$1 million gift from the Koret Foundation. Although Davidson did not play competitive sports at SJSU, he has been a devoted fan of Spartan athletics, attending nearly every football game since 1952.

For the College of Engineering at San Jose State University, Davidson has recently endowed a \$2 million professorship for construction management in his field of civil engineering.

Davidson is also strongly loyal to the several hundred people who work for him, providing the maximum retirement plan the government allows and overseeing the companies' pension funds himself.

I am pleased to honor Mr. Charles W. Davidson for his philanthropic and business contributions to the San Jose area that I have the honor of representing.

A TRIBUTE TO SHERINE BROWN JENNELS, PH.D.

## HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Sherine Brown Jennels. Dr. Jennels is a native New Yorker and the daughter of James and Delva E. Brown, sister of Jayson S. Brown. She is an Interdisciplinary Scientist at the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nurtition. She is developing science policies and enforcement strategies to promote the public's health and protect the Nation's food supply.

In May 2002, Dr. Jennels became the first African-American of Panamanian heritage to obtain a Ph.D. from Harvard University in Biological Sciences in Public Health. Her doctoral research focused on biochemistry of nutrition in the area of cholesterol metabolism, genetic epidemiology, and coronary heart disease risk. Dr. Jennels did her postdoctoral training at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, in Boston, Massachusetts, where she worked on protocol and laboratory development of the OMNI-Heart Clinical Trial (Optimal Macronutrient Intake and Heart-Disease). She was the featured scientist on the website's educational recruitment video.

Dr. Jennels presented her graduate research in Florence, Italy, at the sixth International Symposium on Global Risk of Coronary Heart Disease and Stroke. She also presented her research at Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association, which published those findings.

In 2004, Dr. Jennels was accepted as a science fellow to the United States Department of Health and Human Service's Emerging Leaders Program. This fellowship has given her the unique opportunity to work with leading government officials and scientists at the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition; Office of the Secretary; Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion; Office of Minority Health; and the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Jennels is driven to improve the health and wellness for all Americans as a way to address the social conditions affecting the underserved. As a scientist, she considers herself an ambassador of health, nutrition and fitness, especially advocating for minorities experiencing health disparities.

Attending Oakwood College crystallized her commitment for service and community. Appreciating the value of her B.S. degree in biochemistry from the historically Black Seventh-day Adventist institution, she also recognized the importance of her college's motto, "Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve." Taking this to heart, she has served as a youth ministry leader, short-term missionary volunteer, and a keynote speaker for several health, youth, and women's events.

In 2005, Dr. Jennels developed Operation Love Thy Neighbor, an organization designed to provide resources and support to families displaced by Hurricane Katrina in the Maryland area. This collaborative ministry of the Emmanuel-Brinklow SDA church assisted families and individuals in securing permanent housing, health care, transportation, emotional support, and/or household needs.

Dr. Jennels is married to Ernest Leland Jennels, and they reside in Bowie, Maryland. She enjoys traveling, sightseeing, the outdoors, sports, the arts, music, photography, and inspirational reading.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Jennels for her endless list of accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dr. Sherine Brown Jennels.

CELEBRATION OF REGISTER BAPTIST CHURCH

## HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, today I rise in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Register Baptist Church. Originally organized in 1906 as the Missionary Baptist Church of Register, Register Baptist Church was officially constituted and accepted into the Bullock County Baptist Association in 1907. Although the first church building was destroyed by fire in 1956, the church rebuilt and dedicated the new building on June 21, 1959. Later expansions included a social hall and education building. Register Baptist Church has brought

joy, laughter, support, and glory to the town of Register for 100 years—may God bless the future years for Register Baptist Church.

HONORING IOTA LADY BULLDOGS

## HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the lota Lady Bulldogs basketball team, who ended a perfect season this year by claiming the Class AA Louisiana Girl's Basketball Championship with a 95–72 win over Many High School.

The Lady Bulldogs sealed their victory in the second half, outscoring their opponents 56–30 to claim the school's first girl's State championship victory in 15 years. Previously, many had eliminated the lota girl's team from the 2005 and 2006 State tournaments, but the third time was a charm for this year's lota Lady Bulldogs squad. The win caps off a remarkable season for the team, which compiled a 43–0 overall record.

Madam Speaker, these student athletes will always cherish the memory of this season. The players, their families, and their classmates who cheered them on will always look back to this season as a source of pride, accomplishment and satisfaction.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the lota Lady Bulldogs for their achievement.

IN HONOR OF COMMANDER JOHN A. HAYES

## HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, Commander John A. Hayes relinquishes command of Electronic Attack Squadron Two Zero Nine on April 14, 2007 and leaves behind a legacy of honor, courage, and personal contributions to his shipmates and our Nation.

Commander Hayes was raised in Avon, New York, and entered military service in 1986 from the University of Notre Dame Reserve Officer Training Corps. He was detailed to flight training and received his designation as a Naval Aviator in November 1988.

He reported to Attack Squadron Forty Two (VA-42) for fleet replacement training in the A-6E Intruder, and upon completion was ordered to Attack Squadron Thirty Five (VA-35) assigned to Carrier Air Wing Seventeen onboard USS Saratoga (CV-60). Commander Hayes deployed to the Red Sea in August of 1990 in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, completing an 8-month deployment and flying 30 combat sorties.

In 1996, Commander Hayes was selected for affiliation with Electronic Attack Squadron Two Zero Nine (VAQ-209) assigned to Carrier Air Wing Reserve Twenty. While assigned to VAQ-209, he has deployed three times to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in support of Operation Northern Watch, to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Southern Watch, to Aviano Air Base, Italy for